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Letter dated 25 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to my letter to you dated 22 July 2008 (S/2008/478) providing further accounts of fact regarding Thailand-Cambodia relations, and the subsequent letter of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to you dated 24 July 2008 on the matter (RC/MP/139/08), I have the honour to inform as follows:

1. In the spirit of friendship and goodwill between the two neighbouring countries and fellow members of the family of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Prime Minister of Thailand made a telephone call to the Prime Minister of Cambodia on 24 July 2008. The two leaders had a very friendly and cordial telephone conversation about the issue pertaining to the relations between our two countries. Both leaders agreed to continue our bilateral consultations to seek a just and peaceful solution to the current challenge.

2. The agreed bilateral consultations between the two Ministers for Foreign Affairs will take place on 28 July 2008 in Siem Reap Province of Cambodia. This scheduled second bilateral meeting — the second high-level meeting between the two countries within a week's time — clearly reflects the continued willingness of both sides to resort to amicable resolution through appropriate bilateral channels, as in all the efforts and successes we had in the past. Thailand is confident that this meeting on 28 July 2008 will carry forward the momentum of the bilateral process started by the first bilateral meeting under the framework of the General Border Committee in Sa Kaeo Province of Thailand on 21 July 2008 — the process which has found a clear expression of support from both ASEAN and the international community.

3. It is within this context that Thailand welcomes the fact that, on 24 July 2008, the Security Council decided to postpone consideration of the request by Cambodia for an urgent meeting, which effectively sent a clear message of support for Thailand and Cambodia to continue with the bilateral process of consultation that has just started and is gaining momentum.

4. You may rest assured that Thailand will continue to engage in good faith to ensure a fruitful discussion in the scheduled bilateral ministerial meeting on 28 July 2008. The will and the way to resolve this current challenge are now clear, and the support received from ASEAN for this course of action is strong and consistent. Thailand will spare no effort to ensure that this challenge is resolved to the benefit of both countries and all members of the ASEAN family. Both the spirit of good-

neighbourliness, which underpins the long-standing relations between our two countries, and the spirit of ASEAN solidarity, which has been collectively nurtured by countries in South-East Asia over the past 40 years, demand no less.

I have the honour to request that the text of the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations